GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2380
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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF RAILWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
RAJIV PRATAP RUDY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commission on Railway Safety is under the administrative control of his Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring it under the administrative control of the Ministry of Railway; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d): The Commissioners inthe Commission of Railway Safety are required to carry out statutory duties as detailed in Section 6 of the Railways Act, 1989. In order to maintain its independence, the Commission of Railway Safety(formerly called Railway Inspectorate) was separated from the Ministry of Railways and placed underthe control of the Deptt. of Posts & Air in 1941 and thereafter, continuously under the Ministry dealing with Civil Aviation. The Government reconsidered the issue whether the Commission of Railway Safety should continue to be with the Ministry of Civil Aviation or the Ministry of Railwaysand decided in July, 1998 that the present arrangement, which ensures its independent functioning may continue.